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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
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Attention: Rachel Falsetti, Division of Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: Metropolitan Transportation Commission's 2007 Federal Transportation
Improvement Program Amendment No. 07-21

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), have completed our review of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 07-21 submitted by your letter dated April 2, 2008. The amendment includes modifying projects in various counties and with various funding sources.

FHWA and FTA approve this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450. We find that the amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). Pursuant to the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, this amendment has been coordinated with the FTA in accordance with the procedures for multi-modal amendments.

The approved modifications made to the FTIP by this amendment are either exempt or financial changes and do not result in the need to make a conformity determination. However, our approval was coordinated with the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 office.

FHWA commends MTC in providing very complete information on each individual project in the amendment package that is submitted to Caltrans and forwarded to our office by Caltrans for final approval. However, FHWA will continue to work with MTC staff in improving the clarity of the summary financial information for the entire amendment as regards financial constraint. It would be greatly helpful to have a more detailed summary table than what has been shown in this amendment to demonstrate financial constraint. FHWA notes that the financial summary

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templates prepared by the FHWA Resource Center would be a useful tool in developing a better financial summary of the global changes to financial constraint that occur as a result of a FTIP amendment.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of MTC's 2007 FTIP Amendment No. 07-21 into California's 2006/2007- 2009/2010 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. However, this approval does not constitute project eligibility determinations for any specified program funding.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please call Scott Carson, with the FHWA, at (916) 498-5029 or Ted Matley, with the FTA, at (415) 744-2590.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

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